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Calvin F. Hite, Superintendent  
New River Gorge National River  
USDI National Park Service  
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Dear Mr. Hite

On June 18, 2009, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your sites.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2010, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 21, 2009.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN  
Forester  
Forest Health Protection

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